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Student agency directors receive salary increases

By TIM TRUDELL
Senior Reporter

The Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) voted Thursday to increase the salaries of agency directors to \$2,000 each.

SABC also voted to increase the salaries of the chief administrative officer (CAO) by \$1,500 and the Student Senate secretary by \$250 for fiscal year 1989.

Bryan Howell, senate CAO, presented the budget request and asked for a \$1,000 increase for the CAO's position. His salary is currently \$2,500. He plans to graduate in May and will not receive the increase.

However, during budget debate, Duane Aschenbrenner, a faculty representative, suggested increasing the CAO's salary to \$4,000. "He puts in about 1,000 hours a year doing

senate and other Student Government-related work," Aschenbrenner said. "With a \$4,000 salary, we'll be paying him \$4 an hour, so we won't lose him to a higher paying job somewhere else."

SABC decided to increase the secretary of the senate salary from \$1,500 to \$1,750.

Tim Klein, current senate secretary, said he puts in about "10 to 14 hours a week during the school year."

Gunderson said it had been about six years since there had been a change in salaries.

SABC did reduce the \$1,200 Student Government requested for a part-time office worker to \$400.

Food 'perks'

Student Sen. Mike Gaebel was concerned about Student Government's \$500 request for food supplies.

"We tell people that they can't have food in their budgets," Gaebel said. "But we can have food."

"It's one of the perks of the position," Majorek responded.

The Faculty Senate's coffee and sodas are provided for in its budget, Aschenbrenner said. Students are not paid as senators and should at least be given something for their time, he added.

"Students know what they are getting into when they become senators," Gaebel responded.

Student Sen. Cheryl Carter said the committee should look into the possibility of funding food supplies for organizations.

Gaebel introduced a motion to drop the food request. It failed by a 2-3 margin, with one member voting removed and another abstained.

Gaebel then introduced a motion to increase the Student Government request for capital improvements from \$250 to \$1,750.

"We're going to need new typing tables for the Typing Center," he said.

Gunderson opposed Gaebel's position.

"I think it would be better to go before the senate to request funds for something like new typing tables," Gunderson said. "I don't mind allocating the funds for \$20 or \$30 Mickey Mouse items."

Travel expenses

The United Minority Students (UMS) and Disabled Students Agency (DSA) did not receive their entire budget requests.

The UMS budget was reduced by \$85 from this year's budget. UMS initially requested a budget of \$4,375, up \$475 from this year's budget of \$3,900.

Speakers contracts

The largest reduction came in the UMS request for \$500 in contractual services. Acting UMS Director Teri Dameron presented the UMS request and asked for \$3,400 for contractual services — mainly for speakers.

Dameron said "\$500 couldn't serve the needs of minority students. AIU (American Indians United) tried to sponsor Billy Mills (an American Indian Olympic gold-medal winner), but he wanted \$2,500 plus accommodations.

"There was no way AIU could afford that," she said.

Amy Bellows, SABC member, said the Student Programming Organization (SPO) has funds allocated for speakers.

"Right now SPO is turning away groups wanting funds because it doesn't want to go over its budget," she said. "But it has funds designated for minority student groups to have speakers."

SABC reduced the UMS budget request further by allocating \$150 for postage expenses, down \$50; \$100 for duplicating expenses, down \$50; \$250 for office supplies, down \$200; \$75 for audio visual expenses, down \$75; and \$100 for capital improvement expenses, down \$150.

The DSA budget request of \$4,298 was reduced by \$25 to \$4,273.

SABC will hold its next hearing Thursday at 4 p.m. when it will consider budget requests from International Students Services, the Women's Resource Center and the Council for Community and Legislative Relations.

A public hearing for all the budget requests is scheduled for Feb. 29. Anyone with questions concerning SABC decisions may address the committee at that time, Gunderson said.



—SOL SHUGART

On the air

Anthony Schmidt, seated, enjoys his new setting inside the Engineering Building. For more on KVNO's new home, see page 6.

Senate passes CCS constitution

The Student Senate approved a constitution for the Coalition of Concerned Students (CCS) Thursday night.

The constitution was referred to committee in a Jan. 14 senate meeting. At that meeting, some CCS members said former members of Party in Progress (PIP) were delaying passage of the constitution because of a political rivalry.

CCS is being organized to seek and promote leadership positions for students at UNO, according to Student Sen. John Majorek, the group's public relations representative.

PIP was a political organization formed to get students interested in Student Government, according to Student President/Regent Joe Kerrigan. Kerrigan said the group no longer exists.

In other action, the senate voted 12-5 to endorse a resolution supporting the university's recommendation to have a standard core curriculum for UNO students.

The Chancellor's Task Force on Institutional Directions and Priorities has recommended a 49-hour core curriculum to be applied to all colleges at UNO.

The vote indicated the senate's support for the recommendations and will be passed to the Faculty Senate for its support, said Student Sen. John Majorek.

"We are telling the task force that it is generally a good idea," Majorek said.

Sen. Cheryl Carter voted against the resolution.

"I don't think it takes into consideration both the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science requirements," Carter said. "It's specifically aimed at the BA considerations."

"It will still be up to the colleges to decide what they will

take. For instance, if you're in Arts and Sciences, then you must take World Civilization for your history requirement. But if you're in business (the College of Business Administration), you can take American history for that requirement.

"I think there should be a lot more consideration before we support this recommendation," she said.

Kerrigan said he favored the resolution, but could understand why some senators decided not to vote for it.

"We have senators from diverse backgrounds," he said. "When you have that, you're not going to be able to make people happy."

Chief Administrative Officer Bryan Howell informed the senate that former Sens. Dan Kennedy and Guy Rudloff were removed from their positions because they had not enrolled this semester.

Applications for replacements are being accepted, and advertisements have already appeared in the *Gateway*, Howell said.

The senate also approved:

• \$406 for Chi Epsilon, an engineering fraternity, for plane tickets and registration for two members to attend a conference in West Lafayette, Ind.

• \$500 for plane tickets for the American Society for Public Administration to attend a conference in Portland, Ore.

Senators later met for a goal-setting meeting at the Alumni House. Members of the *Gateway* were again barred from the meeting.

Kerrigan said the senate met with Lucy Franks, a business consultant, to help them establish good working relations and procedures. The senate held a similar closed meeting last Thursday.

Klein resigns post

Student Senate Secretary Tim Klein announced plans to leave his post March 13.

As recording secretary, Klein kept official records and minor correspondence for Student Government. He received a yearly stipend of \$1,500.

Klein said he is resigning to devote more time to studying and because he was "tired of going through the process time and time again."

The people he worked with "were really great, despite the controversy," Klein said.

He said recent controversial issues in the senate are not the reasons he is resigning.

He suggested the next recording secretary try to remain as impartial as possible and keep communication lines open within the senate.

Student Senate Executive Treasurer Greg Gunderson said two advertisements will be placed in the *Gateway* as part of the selection process for a new secretary.

Klein and senate officers will work together to select a new secretary who will receive the same monthly portion of the remaining \$1,500 a year stipend Klein received.

Gunderson said Klein was a calming force on the senate.

"When he said something it really meant something — people listened," Gunderson said.

Klein plans to graduate in August with a business major and economics minor. He doesn't know if politics will play a role in his future.

Comment

23 years after Civil Rights Act

'Skinhead' gangs help spur racism rise in the U.S.

In the United States, we've prided ourselves on creating a system of racial equality. But 23 years after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the country has experienced a rise in racism.

These are not isolated incidents that take place in some backwards county in some rural area of the United States. Several incidents have taken place in large cities, one of which is Omaha.

One of the more obvious events has been the rise of neo-Nazi or "skinhead" gangs. Already the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith has documented several racial occurrences.

An ADL newsletter (Oct. 30, 1987) describes the groups as "gangs of shaven-head youth wearing neo-Nazi insignia and preaching violence against Blacks, Jews and other minorities . . ."

The letter goes on to describe incidents such as the beating of a black man outside of a music club in Orlando, Fla., and a woman who was threatened with being "strung up" near a park in San Jose, Calif.

Vandalism and other public disturbances have occurred in major cities such as Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit and Tampa.

Groups like the skinheads are not a loose bunch of kids like the ones seen skating around the Old Market of downtown Omaha. The ADL found links between some skinhead groups and the "Aryan Nations" which include members of the American Nazi Party and former members of the Ku Klux Klan.

The ADL also says the power base among these gangs has

been strengthened by a number of rock bands which advocate racism.

Musical groups such as "Final Solution" and "Jehovah's Sickness" have offered racist organizations, according to the ADL, a base support for recruitment under the guise of a popular youth cult.

But racism seems to have gone beyond underground cults.

Steve Chase
Gateway Columnist

For some time, blacks in Southern states have tried to get their state Legislatures to remove Confederate flags from the top of state capital buildings.

Earl Shinhaster, the regional director of NAACP in the South, said in "Time" (Feb. 15, 1988) the "increased waving of that flag . . . the rise of racial hate groups means it is time to take a concerted effort to remove these symbols."

According to the Omaha World-Herald (Feb. 3, 1988), 14 black legislators of the Alabama House of Representatives tried to climb their state Capitol and remove the rebel flag.

As soon as they attempted to climb the Capitol dome, they

were arrested for criminal trespassing. When the representatives were being escorted to jail, they were greeted by a crowd of 2,000 people waving the flag and chanting "Nigger go home."

Later, the Alabama house voted in support of retaining the Confederate colors on top of the Capitol dome, 67 to 17.

One of the grossest violations of civil rights in recent years has occurred right here in Omaha. It involved a black agent, Donald Rochon, when he was stationed at the local branch of the FBI.

According to "Time" (Feb. 8, 1988), Rochon received harassment from colleagues during the time he was stationed in this area from 1983 to 1984. Some of it was caused by simple pranks such as the defacing of the family portrait on his desk by putting an ape head over the picture of his son. Others involved phone calls threatening his wife.

"Time" went on to report that Rochon's Omaha supervisors took no action to stop the harassment because they felt that it was not important. One even went as far as saying it was just a part of keeping up morale around the office.

So far, these incidents have not exploded into anything the United States has experienced in the past. To keep racism under control, our elected officials should address a situation such as the Rochon affair.

America has come too far in relieving racial tensions. True, it has far to go in reaching total equality, but we shouldn't throw out what we have worked so hard to achieve.

'Ambitious' boy bookworm reads 1,000 books a year

A while back I wrote a column about a 44-year-old businessman in Midland, Mich., who had read 1,000 books in his life. The man had made a pledge while in college that he would read 1,000 books during the next 25 years. He had achieved his goal. I thought that was pretty nice.

This, though

There's this 7-year-old kid in Watseka, Ill., who just got done reading 1,000 books in a year. One year — 1,000 books. His parents swear that it's true and, after talking with them and with the boy, I believe them.

The boy's name is Timmy Wagner. He is in the second grade at the Wanda Kendall Elementary School in Watseka (the town has a population of approximately 5,000).

"This all started on Jan. 20, 1987, when Timmy was in the first grade," said his mother, Judy Wagner. "His class had a program in which the students brought books home, read the books, and then the mom or dad signed a slip saying that the child had read each book. Timmy's teacher said there would be a prize awarded to each child who read 100 books during the school year."

"When Timmy came home that first evening, he announced that he wanted to read five books

a day. He told us, 'That way, it will only take me 20 days to get to 100 books and get my prize.' He's a very ambitious little boy."

Timmy read the first 100 books and then kept going. "He said he wanted to read 1,000 books in a year," Mrs. Wagner said. "Sometimes he'd read three books or five books a night. Some of the books were typical children's books — 30 to 50 pages with no pictures. Timmy's reading level has been tested as being

his top priority was reading the 1,000 books. "I talked with his second-grade teacher," Mrs. Wagner said. "The teacher said, 'I'd like to be up there in his mind and see what's going on.'

And now for Timmy. Timmy is a highly articulate boy who sounds as if he could, indeed, read 1,000 in a year — if anyone could read 1,000 books in a year.

"By the end of the first grade, I had read 589 books," Timmy said. "We kept track of them with file cards. So I just decided to go on and try for 1,000."

One of the secrets of his success, he said, is that he is not a big television fan. "I'm not one of these TV kids," he said. "You can learn more from a book, and if you see something on TV, you forget it right away. With a book, you can look up the story or the information again."

During the year, he said, his daily goal remained at five books. "One day I read 15," he said. "That was my tops. On car trips with my parents I was able to get a lot of reading done."

He said he does not feel he is depriving himself of anything by spending so much time reading. "My mom and dad are always telling me to go outside and get some fresh air," he said. "I prefer cloudy days. Then I can stay inside

and read without anyone telling me to go outdoors."

He does have a baseball batting-tee in his back yard, but he would rather visit the local library. "Obviously the librarian knows me by now," he said. "I'll walk in, and she'll say, 'Hi, Timmy.' At first when I would check out 10 or 20 books, she would say, 'Are you going on a trip?' But then she realized that I just like to read a lot."

He reached his goal three days early — on Jan. 17 of this year. "But I'm still reading as much as ever," he said. "I want to be a scientist when I grow up, and a scientist has to know a lot. Not that I only read science books — some of my favorite books are mysteries."

His mother said, "We didn't push him into this. When he first pops out of bed in the morning, he grabs a book. He reads on the bus, in the car . . . once he even read a book while walking down the street. I must be the only mom who has ever threatened to glue a book shut. He always says, 'But Mommy, I'm just getting to the interesting part!'"

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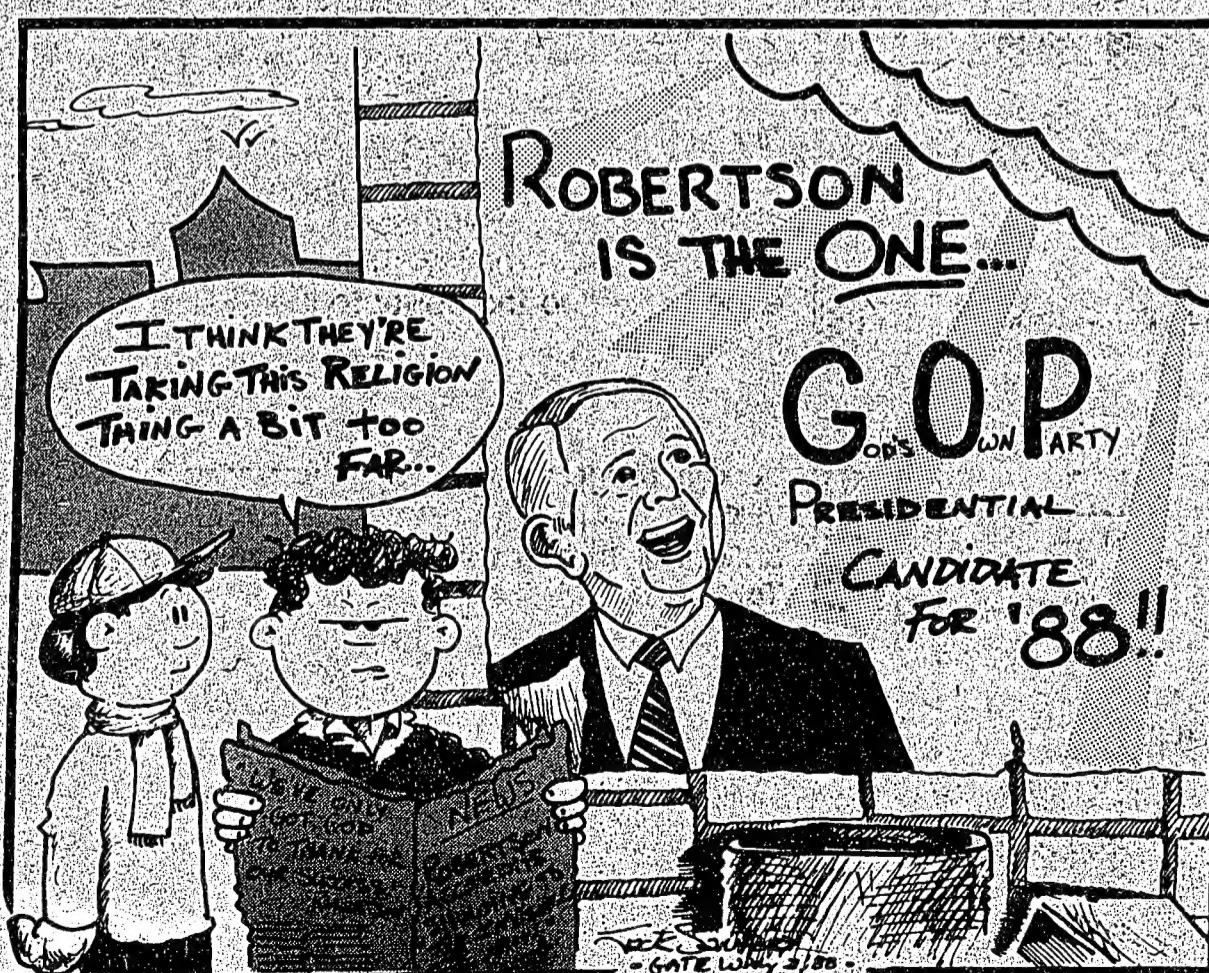
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higher than the fifth-grade level."

Any skepticism Mrs. Wagner might have been feeling was erased when she started quizzing him about the specifics of certain books. "I'd go through a book after he finished it, and I would look up facts and ask him about them. He always knew them. I'm telling you — he really read the 1,000 books."

She said Timmy is in the Cub Scouts and likes to play with friends, but for that one year



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News Briefs

Voter registration

Voter registration will take place Tuesday and Wednesday in the lower level of the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu, an international social sciences honor society.

Health services

Health Promotion Services will sponsor three speakers this week. "Diet for a healthy heart and life-style" is the topic tonight in HPER Room 109 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A seminar in human sexuality will take place Thursday, and a stress management seminar will take place Friday. Call 554-3222 for times and locations.

Parking lot opens

A temporary student parking lot is now open east of Arts and Sciences Hall. Approximately 60 spaces are available where the old annexes were located.

Leaders sought

The Orientation Office is seeking 35 new student orientation leaders for the 1988-89 school year. Applicants should have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and have good interpersonal communication skills.

Orientation leaders are paid \$3.50 an hour to acquaint new students and their parents with UNO. The majority of the work will take place during summer 1988. For more information, stop by the Orientation Office or call 554-2677.

Ethics and death stars

United Christian Ministries will feature two speakers this week. Robert Bowman, president of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, speaks at 11:30 a.m. today in the Student Center Gallery Room. His topic is "Star Wars: Defense or Death Star."

Attorney General Robert Spire speaks Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

in the Student Center Ballroom. His topic will be "Ethics and Public Service."

Careers in geography

Career opportunities in geography will be Madelyn Schumacher's topic today from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Durham Science Center. Schumacher, a production geology supervisor at Mobil Oil Co., will also interview students for job placement.

IRS reminder

As tax time rolls around, Uncle Sam reminds scholarship students that in most cases, only the portion of scholarship money used to pay tuition and related expenses (books, fees and supplies) is tax-free.

The amount used for other expenses, such as room and board, is taxed, and should be included in your gross income for the year. Call 1-800-424-3676 for more information.

Group works to retain black students, add members

This is the third installment of a series on minority recruitment at UNO.

Student retention is the goal of the Black Liberators for Action on Campus (BLAC), according to Bill Herndon.

Herndon, BLAC's executive director/president, said the organization has a three-part plan to accomplish that goal.

The first step is to provide cultural awareness, he said.

The Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) work with BLAC in sponsoring events for black students at UNO and in Omaha, he said.

BLAC is involved in many activities now because of National Black History Month. Functions such as a seminar on racism in Omaha, concerts and dinners will take place throughout February.

One event Herndon is excited about is a "Jammin' for Jesse" day.

Organizers for Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign have asked college campuses around the country to hold special events for Jackson the last week of February, Herndon said.

The events will take place about a week before "Super Tuesday," when several southern states will hold their presidential primaries, he said.

Herndon said BLAC has been asked to spearhead the event for Omaha.

A cable television show will aid in providing cultural awareness, Herndon said.

United Minority Students (UMS) recently was given two hours of broadcasting time on Cox Cable channel 7 a month, with half of that belonging to BLAC.

"Cable TV will give us an advantage in doing some things that will be interesting for our members and UNO students," Herndon said.

Another area in which BLAC is promoting student retention is in improving study skills, Herndon said.

"We have students coming on campus for a semester and quitting," he said. "What we do to counter that is to hold survival workshops."

"These workshops teach students how to manage their time, study skills, job skills, how to dress for success and leadership skills."

Herndon emphasized the organization's study room program.

"We have a room where students can study," he said. "It's a quiet place where students can study or relax."

"However, UNO is a commuter university and doesn't have dorms like other colleges, so it's not used as much as we'd like, but it's busy during midterms and finals."

A support program is the third stage in student retention, Herndon said.

BLAC is there to help other students with any problem, from academic to financial, he said.

There are currently about 40 active members, Herndon said. He'd like to get that figure up, considering there are about 700 black students at UNO.

However, BLAC is not restricted to black students only, Herndon said. "We have one white member and one Arabic member." Another goal of BLAC is recruiting more minority students for UNO.

"We go and talk with (high school) students," he said. "We provide insight on what it's like being a college student."

Herndon said low funding prevents BLAC from achieving its goals with regular success.

"There's no money there to support a lot of the programs," he said. "It restricts us a lot, but we do support our programs somehow."

Despite the lack of funds, UNO is doing a good job in minority student recruiting, Herndon said.

"They took a big step by bringing in a minority student recruiter," he said. "UNO now needs to publicize itself more, show that it is a university with high standards."

An increase in financial aid would be another serious step, he said.

Another positive aspect of UNO's minority student population is a very small amount of racism, he said.

"There's no blatant racism on campus," Herndon said. "I've only seen a couple of instances where someone said something racist."

"I'm not saying there isn't any. Of course it exists, but I think it is more subtle — institutional racism."

Herndon said BLAC has support from UNO's administration.

"They're behind us," he said. "They know we're working for the betterment of UNO."



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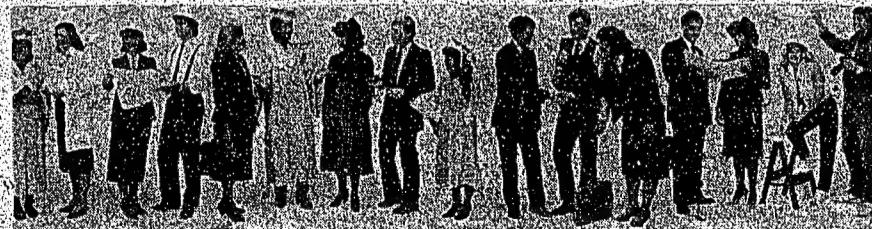
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Quitting school. . .

Officials say it's not unusual for a commuter campus

By PATRICE NORTHAM
Contributing Writer

Of the 15,164 students who registered for the fall semester, 1,000 stopped attending classes.

Did they drop out for good or step out with plans to return? And why did they leave?

According to Rusty Crawford, University Division counseling coordinator, there are three main reasons why students leave: school/work conflicts, personal problems and lack of time.

These are standard reasons of the past ten years. Freshman have a slightly higher dropout rate than others, but this is to be expected, he said.

Of course, there are other factors affecting the drop out/stop out process, including the type of university students attend.

UNO is a state university with only minimum admission requirements.

Because of this, UNO gets a lot of students who don't have the ability to do college level work," Crawford said. "We then have expectations that a certain group will fail for academic reasons."

There is no marked difference in dropout rates among UNO's colleges, he said.

Crawford maintains that although academics play a strong part

in the attrition rate of a certain groups of students, 60 to 70 percent of the reasons given for withdrawal have nothing to do with schoolwork.

Another factor involved is UNO's commuter status. UNO's dropout rate is higher than that of residence colleges.

"People will come to school when it's convenient for them," said Joe Davis, assistant vice chancellor of Student Development Services. "Their priority may be school or it may be their job or their family. We have a lot of people who come and go. Are they really dropouts?" he asked.

Many of the people who "come and go" do just that. The average number of years taken to graduate at UNO is 8.3, according to Crawford. And Gordon Hansen, associate dean of Arts and Sciences College, said it isn't uncommon for part-time students to be in school as many as 10 years.

So, just exactly what is a college dropout? Someone who quits midsemester? Someone who can't handle the academics?

"The general view of a dropout," Davis said, "is someone who intends to finish with a degree and then doesn't. But some people who attend school never plan to graduate. They take classes for a while and then leave. Are they dropouts? Not in their minds," he said.

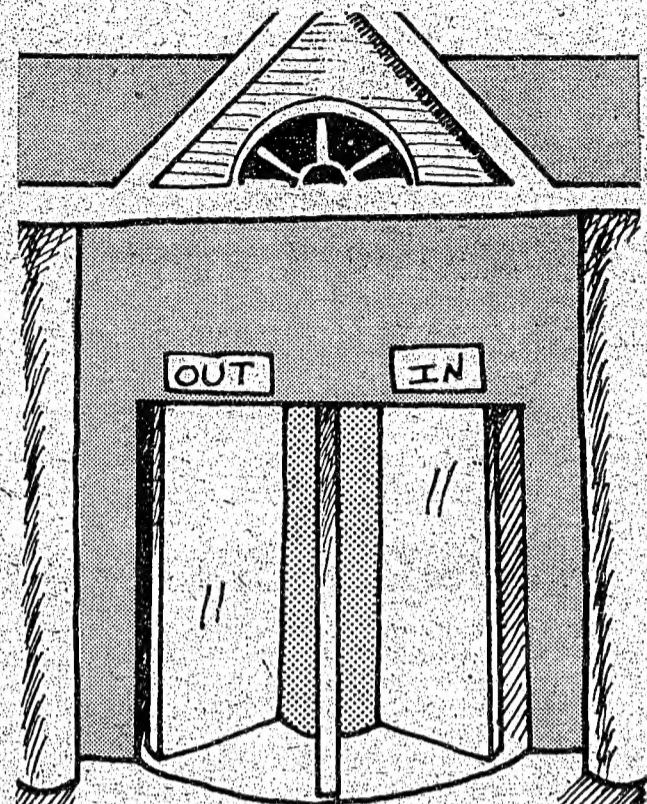
"There is no image that comes to mind when you say the words 'dropout,'" Hansen said. "There are just too many factors involved."

Hansen thinks many students benefit by leaving school for a while because evidence indicates they always do better when they return.

There are many factors contributing to students leaving college. As Hansen observed, "With 15,000 students here, we have just about everything that could possibly occur and cause a student to leave."

There is assistance available to students who plan to drop their course load. University Division provides academic and career counseling as well as a convenient, one-stop place for a student to withdraw.

"It gives the student an opportunity to say what's on his mind, and it gives UNO some feedback about how we're doing," Crawford said.



Counseling also provides the student with alternatives to dropping out that he or she may not have considered.

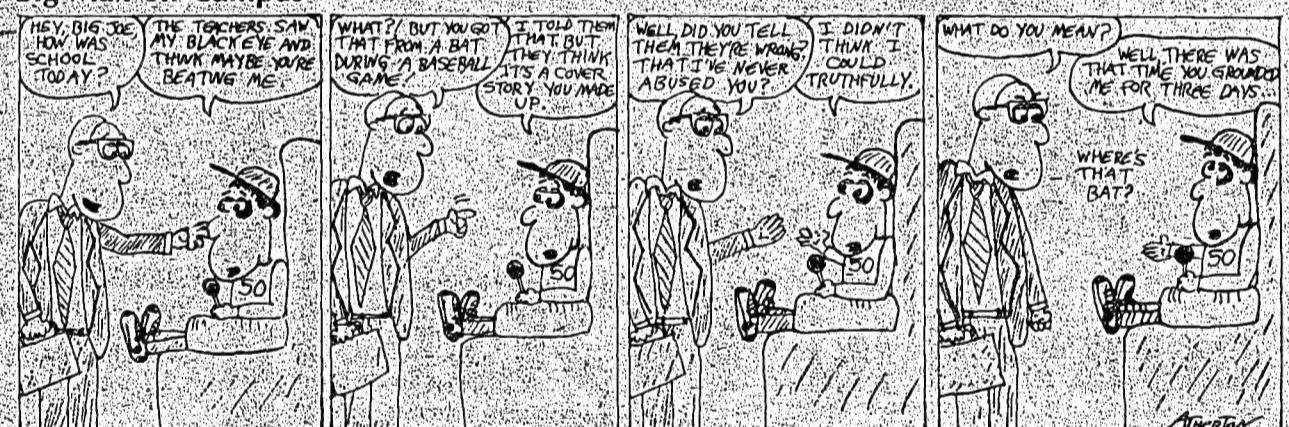
Whatever the reason for leaving school, students have still gained from the experience, Davis said.

"They've related to people, they've learned things in the classroom, they've developed new ways of looking at things, and they have a greater appreciation for higher education," he said. "I don't think they have lost out on anything."

by Jack Sanford



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Reviews of 'White Woman's Blues,' 'How to Eat Fried Worms'

My return to this column was unexpected, and my stay is indeterminate, so there are two reviews in this one article.

That's my excuse for being late with these reviews. What's your excuse for not reserving your seats for "How to Eat Fried Worms" and/or "White Woman's Blues?" You've already been reading and hearing great reviews for both of these productions; there's really nothing more that I can add except to tell you

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both are closing soon.

"How to Eat Fried Worms" at the Emmy Gifford Children's Theater is scheduled to close Sunday with a 7 p.m. performance, and "White Woman's Blues" at the French Underground has a tentative closing date of Feb. 27.

"Fried Worms" is a delightfully comic production co-starring Earl Bates III as Billy, who takes a bet to eat 15 worms in 15 days, and Dan Prescher as Alan, who proffered the dare. At stake is \$50, enough for Billy to buy a mini-bike if he wins, enough to keep Alan working every Saturday for six months to pay off the bet if he loses. Kathy Wheeldon and Amy Kunz played Tom and Joe, respectively, who chose up sides in this venture.

I half expected the adults in this program to play bad caricatures of children. They didn't. In fact, from what I remember of Prescher, a former Gateway editor, I think he was a natural for the part he played. In her notes for this production, Director M. Michele Phillips praised the cast for being something on the order of a director's dream come true. I presume she means they were energetic and enthusiastic, qualities everyone displayed in their parts.

I also expected cantankerous behavior from every audience member under 4-8. It didn't happen. In fact, the Gifford has a wonderful solution for its potentially restless, younger audience: Video monitors are set up in the lobby, and parents are encouraged to take advantage of these facilities. "It's a simple



Gail Erwin, left, and Sue Perkins are the two stars of "White Woman's Blues," currently playing at the French Underground. The two first met as students at UNO.

"White Woman's Blues" is definitely a woman's play. That's not a slam, it's just an observation, and you may want to take it into consideration:

In the first act, set in 1958, Dana (Perkins) is helping her friend Alice (Erwin) get ready for her wedding. One of the lines Alice sings is: "This is the big pot of gold for me: I'm a wife."

That's the kind of thought that has been peculiar to women for centuries, and these kinds of references appear throughout the play.

Erwin writes some very tender lyrics for these women as they convey their thoughts. Alice, contemplating divorce from her philandering scum of a husband in Act II (10 years later), sings,

"What will I tell the children? Lightning struck the family tree. You won't be seeing much of daddy any more And when

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equation," said a Gifford staff member before the program began. "Restlessness plus inattentiveness equals a trip to the lobby."

"Fried Worms" doesn't run much longer than an hour, but you can extend your enjoyment of the show by sticking around afterward. The actors return to the stage and field questions from the young audience.

"How did you make the stage [set pieces] move?"

"How did you make the glow-in-the-dark?" [for a nightmare sequence]

"Where do the costumes come from?"

"Why didn't she [pointing to an extra] talk much?"

Where appropriate, the technical managers plied their skills to show off lighting effects or stage movement in order to answer the questions.

Of course, there was the inevitable question: "Were those real worms?"

"They were real live gummy worms," Bates replied with an appropriate build up.

I liked the show a lot, and so did the parents and children in attendance. Make a date with your favorite kid, and go see it.

The Emmy Gifford playwright in residence is none other than Gail Erwin, the writer and a co-star of "White Woman's Blues."

Erwin and co-star Sue Perkins premiered this work last fall at the French Underground. Even though it closed Nov. 14, calls were still coming in for reservations. Erwin put a little more work on the script, and the "new and improved" version opened Jan. 14.



I start working you won't see much of me, . . . I have to keep on laughing although the joke's on me."

The story is romantic on the whole and poignant in some of its observations. At a 20-year class reunion, Act III, Alice and Dana see Jimmy across the room. He is the one-crush Dana has never gotten over, and both women sing a verse of the song, "Hello," appropriate not only to long-remembered loves, but to class reunions, too.

"Hello, I won't see you again. The past is just a has-been."

Earlier in the same act, these two women sing a duet to aging: "Being pretty is hard; being old is worse. Right now I'd sell my soul for a body that's 18 years old."

The last act, set in 1988, finds the never-married Dana returning to Alice's home in Des Moines. She has left her success (albeit minor, by today's superstardom standards) on the night club circuit to return to Boone, Iowa, in order to care for her aging mother who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. There's a happy ending to all of this, but I won't tell it to you.

Both Erwin and Perkins are endearing in their roles, and we should expect nothing less. Erwin recently won the Clarence Teal Cameo Award for her performance in "Quilters" (Omaha Community Playhouse production last year) and Perkins has numerous stage credits and awards to her name, including two Fonda-Maguire awards for best actress. And, although it's been said often enough, Perkins has such a beautiful voice that I would be remiss in not saying so. I would go again to the show just to hear her sing.

Trumpet Man

Grammy Award winner and 1988 nominee Wynton Marsalis and his jazz quintet will perform at the Witherspoon Concert Hall in the Joslyn Art Museum Thursday at 8 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by UNO's Student Programming Organization (SPO). Marsalis' concert opens the 16th annual Great Plains Jazz Festival which UNO is hosting this weekend in the Student Center.

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KVNO move

New studios allow satellite transmission

KVNO, UNO's classical and jazz public radio station, recently completed its move from the Storz Mansion (Annex 15) to the Engineering Building, according to Station Manager Peter Marsh.

KVNO switched over to its new studios Feb. 4 after nearly a semester of planning and remodeling.

The move will also enable Anderson Excavating and Wrecking Co. to begin demolition of the mansion. The building, more than 75-years-old, is structurally unsound. KVNO had been the only occupant of Annex 15 for several years.

The new facilities are more space efficient than those in the Storz Mansion, said KVNO Program Director Victor Hahn.

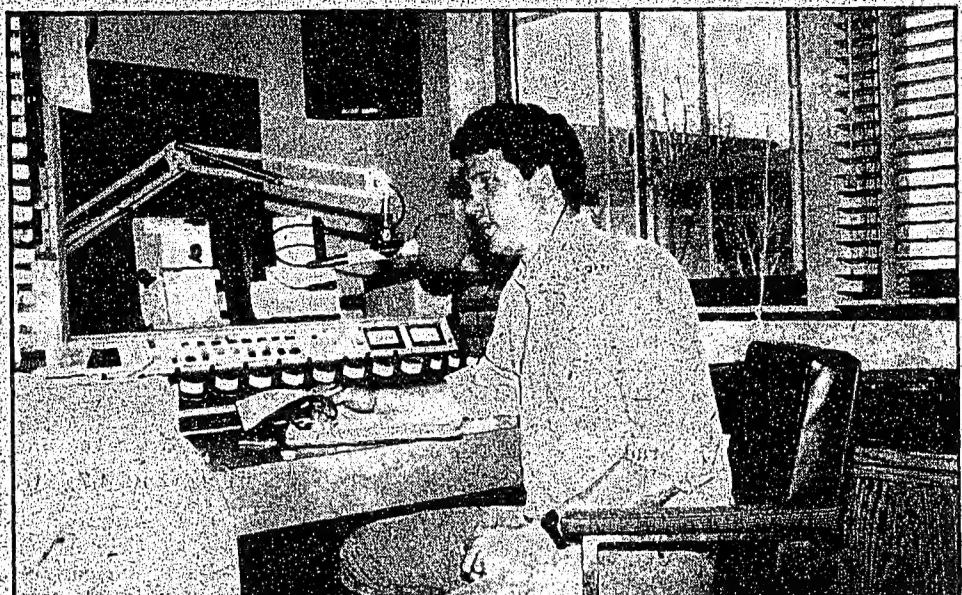
The studios in Annex 15 were fit into available rooms, while the new rooms were built as studios, he said.

The new studios consist of three rooms: a broadcasting booth, a production booth and an interview booth between the two.

"Flexibility is two or three times better," Hahn said.

Hahn also said KVNO has some new equipment. "A couple of new consoles" and two "broadcast quality" Stuter reel-to-reel tape machines will improve sound clarity.

An advantage of the new tape machines is that KVNO can produce musical programs and transmit them to other radio



"KVNO can (now) produce musical programs and transmit musical programs and transmit them to other radio stations via satellite. KVNO acquired a satellite dish in early 1982 with help from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting."

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The remodeling as well as the underwriting of the contractors was funded by public donations, Hahn said.

"A lot of it (the remodeling) was financed through tradeouts" where labor or materials were exchanged for advertising.

Because it vacated the Storz Mansion, KVNO also had to move its microwave transmitter link (MTL), which sends a signal to the transmitting tower on the KETV-channel 7 tower. Hahn said an essentially "clean shot" is needed for a clear sound.

The MTL is temporarily on top of the Durham Science Center and will be placed atop University Television's KYNE tower. Both places are better than the previous location, Hahn said.

KVNO's new studios and administrative offices will be remembered as one of the true advances in its more than 15-year history, along with being the first radio station in Nebraska to broadcast using Dolby stereo techniques and around-the-clock



— Scot Shugart

UNO student Mark Ford, top photo, hosts an afternoon of PM Pops. KVNO Station Manager Peter Marsh, bottom photo, stands in front of a row of solid oak and leaded glass bookcases in his office. The cases were saved from the wrecking ball of the soon-to-be demolished Storz Mansion.

programming.

If you're in the mood for jazz or want to relax to some classical music, turn the dial to KVNO. They'll even take requests.

— DAVID MANNING

The Gateway: The Midlands' best freebie

Students get a 'Taste of Soul' at contest

By JEANNE EMERY
Contributing Writer

The UNO Spiritual and Gospel Choir sponsored the "Taste of Soul" food contest Wednesday in the Student Center to commemorate Black History Month.

Negleatha Johnson, founder of the choir, said the annual event is held during Black History Month to raise black awareness.

What is soul food?

Joyce Hadley, a senior elementary education major, said "sweet potato pie, black-eyed beans and greens such as collard and okra are considered typical soul-food fare."

Recipes are handed down from generation to generation, and the main ingredient in soul food is tradition, she said.

About 30 entries were entered and judged.

Five judges sampled and rated each dish on a scale of one to 10 according to taste, appearance and attractiveness.

Three categories were judged: vegetables, meats and desserts. Judges began with the desserts. By the time they sampled vegetables, a crowd of students had gathered around the tables — waiting for their turn.

The judges were taking their time — resampling their favorite dishes just to make sure.

"I have to eat some more of that carrot cake before it is all gone," Johnson said.

While officials counted votes, one of the contestants, Sophomore Jerry Johnson, defended his dish against the accusation that macaroni and cheese was not considered soul food.

"My macaroni and cheese was made from scratch and has a special touch that makes it soul food," Jerry Johnson said.

The winners of "A Taste of Soul" were given gift certificates to Cafe Carnavale and Little King.

The winning dessert was a carrot cake made by Sophomore Sondra Wright. She was asked for the recipe but declined the request. "My mother and I made the cake from scratch and she told me not to give out the recipe."

The winner in the vegetable category was Clem Johnson. "The greens were my favorite dish because they reminded me of my mother's good, home cooking," one judge said.

One of the winners in the meat category was Joyce Hadley for her meat pie. The okra in her dish made it soul food.

The people who paid \$1 to sample the entries went after the sweet potato pie, carrot cake and greens. Hadley's meat pie was one of the first dishes gone.

It was obvious the judges were very impressed with the food entries.

Here is Hadley's winning meat pie recipe:

1 pie crust
1 pound hamburger
1 can of any type of greens
1 pint sour cream
1 can of tomato paste
1 package shredded cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Put the pie shell in the pie tin add a tablespoon of butter. Then layer in this order: browned hamburger, greens, sour cream, tomato paste and cheese. Bake 20 minutes.

Sports

UNO athletes 'deserve praise'

UNO has not enjoyed the success it would like on the basketball court, but just one year ago it was entirely possible they would not even field athletic teams because of the budget cuts.

Congratulations are in order for UNO athletes, not criticism. They endured a difficult period while maintaining a competitive stance. The Mavericks are not a soft touch in any sport by any means!

Brad Anthony,
UNO student

Bleacher Backtalk

I strongly suggest that Mr. Kirschbaum and Mr. Sotterbeck enroll in a black studies course since they seem to be unaware of the state of racism in America.

Their conception that whites are getting the wrong end of the stick is simply ignorance talking.

Even black, superstar athletes run into discrimination. Omaha, let alone the nation, still suffers from racial prejudice.

Tony Flott,
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Mankato falls, St. Cloud wins

Slow-starting Lady Mavs split

By KEITH FAUR
Staff Reporter

The Lady Mavs had to come from behind twice this past weekend and ended up splitting two North Central Conference home games.

Friday night, St. Cloud survived a late UNO surge to win 80-69. Mankato State was less fortunate Saturday as it blew a 13-point half-time lead and fell to a driven UNO team 77-73.

The Lady Mavs stand at 12-10, 4-7 in the NCC.

Against St. Cloud, the Lady Mavs started slow and trailed 28-6 with 8:45 remaining in the half. St. Cloud went on to post a 40-25 halftime lead.

"We started out really flat and gave St. Cloud too many offensive opportunities," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said.

UNO shot only 39 percent in the first half and were out-rebounded 26-11, with 14 on the offensive boards.

The Lady Mavs worked back within five points with less than 10 minutes to play. St. Cloud sealed the win with consistent play and UNO's 12 second half turnovers.

Junior Jill Dau led UNO with 21 points, including five three-pointers. Anderson added 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Saturday night, the Lady Mavs started slowly again. Mankato State led 38-25 at the half.

But the second half was a different story.

The Lady Mavs fought back slowly, trailing by six with eight minutes remaining.

At the four-minute mark, Julie Johnston hit a three-pointer that sparked the Lady Mavs, pulling them within three.

"That shot was clutch," Mankenberg said. "Julie had a clutch game."

In the stretch, UNO hit all 13 free throws. The Lady Mavs played great defense as well, Mankenberg said.

"The key to the game was the fact that we stuck with our offense in the second half," the

coach said. "It was another great team effort."

Dau and Anderson chipped in 21 points apiece and Johnston and Kathy Van Diepen both added nine.

The Lady Mavs shot 48 percent from the field, out-rebounded Mankato 48-40 and hit 25 of 31 free throws for 80.6 percent.

The Lady Mavs will take a week off from NCC action to travel to Des Moines to take on Grand View College. Saturday night they play host to Quincy College at 7:30 in the Fieldhouse.

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Buda harvests bumper crop of Nebraska recruits

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Football recruiting was easier this year, UNO Coach Sandy Buda said, without the specter of athletic insolvency shadowing Maverick efforts.

Twenty-four high school athletes and three junior college players signed national letters of intent to attend UNO, including three all-class all-staters. All but three are Nebraskans.

"We weren't having to defend ourselves about the budget cuts and the future of the athletic program," Buda said. "We were able to concentrate on selling a UNO education, the prospect of athletic success and UNO as a place where an athlete will feel comfortable."

Buda overcame last year's problems by recruiting a 30-member class he ranked "among the best" he's had at UNO.

"We had five freshmen letter last year," Buda said. "That's not an unusually high number, but it's at the top end."

This year's recruiting class has the potential

to match last year's success, Buda said.

Larry Sibley, a linebacker from Omaha Burke; Jeff Jennings, a tight end from Omaha Benson; and Mike Gallentine, a linebacker from Broken Bow, Neb., are the all-class all-staters who picked UNO. Sibley is the nephew of former UNO All-America linebacker Tom Sutko.

Buda said this year's class is the soundest academically he has assembled in his 10 years. He pointed to Gallentine and Kory Barr, a linebacker from Norfolk, Neb., as examples of future Maverick classroom stars.

"Kory Barr scored a 30 on his ACT," Buda said. "He wanted to go into pre-med and chose UNO over UN-L. Gallentine also wants to go pre-med and he scored a 29 on his ACT's."

"From top to bottom, these are the best students I've recruited."

Buda said UNO may sign another defensive back before winding up its recruiting efforts this year.

"I think we filled our holes pretty well," Buda said. "But they have to fulfill their potential on the field."

Mavs avoid unwanted record

The Mavericks missed the mark and nobody seemed to care.

UNO, which earlier this season presented basketball Coach Bob Hanson with his 300th career victory, avoided a less pleasant milestone Saturday with its 88-78 win over Mankato State.

Prior to this season, a Hanson-coached UNO team had never lost more than six games in a row. The Mavs matched that nadir in a 79-74 defeat Friday to Division II No. 8 St. Cloud State.

The weekend split left UNO 11-12 overall, 4-9 in the North Central Conference. St. Cloud, which assumed the conference leadership with two weekend wins, improved to 20-3 and 10-3. Mankato is 15-7 and 6-6.

Rocked by the midweek dismissal of senior guard Kevin Avery, the Maverick basketball team pulled together and played one of its finest games of the season Saturday, Hanson said: Avery missed two days of practice without per-

mission.

UNO slapped a full-court pressure defense on Mankato and kept it on the entire game. The tactic produced just 12 turnovers but prevented the Minnesota Mavericks from getting into their offense.

UNO meanwhile ripped off a 14-0 streak early in the first half to seize control. The Mavs made just eight turnovers in the game, matching their season-low, and connected on 54.8 percent of their shots.

UNO senior Tom Thompson, who nearly inspired a Maverick rally from 19 points back Friday, played 23 minutes against Mankato on a sprained knee. He scored 12 points and grabbed a team-leading seven rebounds. Thompson, with 997 points, is just one basket from becoming the No. 20 scorer on UNO's all-time list.

Bryan Leach scored 42 points in the two games to lead the Mavs. Muellner was tops with nine rebounds.

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LAND ONLY VILLA DEL SOL & SEAS CAPE RESORT CONDOS

\$289

INCLUDES ROUNDTRIP MOTOR COACH TRANS

\$100 deposit required in advance

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SEASIDE INN



Sign-up before February 16 in the
Student Programming Office
\$75 deposit required

four day lift ticket
transportation
free bus passes and shuttle
**ski rental will be extra
condo sleeps six, includes
kitchen, two bedrooms,
two baths, hot tub

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